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USDA to gather data about vegetables

HONOLULU, HI, – October 26, 2021 – The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, will conduct its annual Vegetable Grower Inquiry beginning in late October. The survey will collect information about acres, production and prices from approximately 700 Hawaii farmers and ranchers.

"The information from these surveys directly impacts our states' vegetable growers in many positive ways," said Shawn Clark, NASS Hawaii State Statistician. "Growers can use the survey results when making business plans and marketing decisions. Cooperative Extension uses the data to provide needed outreach and education, and State Departments and agencies of agriculture use the information to aid growers."

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the average yields and prices to administer farm programs, including the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP). The NAP program provides cash payments to producers of noninsured crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

Survey recipients are asked to respond securely online at agcounts.usda.gov, using the 12-digit survey code mailed with the survey, or to mail completed questionnaires back in the prepaid envelope provided, by Nov. 15.

In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results late February 2022 in the *Hawaii Vegetable and Melon Crops* report on the NASS website. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Hawaii Field Office at (808) 522-8080.

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